

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION BETWEEN: 12-8-97 AND 12-19-97—Continued

Name of acquiring person, name of acquired person, name of acquired entity	PMN No.	Date terminated
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, American Equity Investment Life Holdings Company, American Equity Investment Life Holdings Company	98-0906	12/19/97
Sonat Inc., Selim K. Zilkha, Zilkha Energy Company	98-0909	12/19/97
Selim K. Zilkha, Sonat Inc., Sonat Inc	98-0910	12/19/97
J.W. Childs Equity Partners, LP, Universal Hospital Services, Inc., Universal Hospital Services, Inc	98-0911	12/19/97
Enova Corporation, Peter M. Way, WEHCO, Inc	98-0913	12/19/97
Pacific Enterprises, Peter M. Way, WEHCO, Inc	98-0914	12/19/97
AB Volvo (a Swedish company), AB Volvo, Volvo Penta Marine Products LP	98-0916	12/19/97
PNC Bank Corp., Friedman Billings Ramsey Group, Inc., Friedman Billings Ramsey Group, Inc	98-0917	12/19/97
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, The Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada, Continental Western Life Insurance Company	98-0919	12/19/97
Lowell W. Paxson, ValueVision International, Inc., VVI Seattle, Inc.; VVILPTV, Inc.; VVI Spokane, Inc	98-0933	12/19/97
Michael Zilkha, Sonat Inc., Sonat Inc	98-0943	12/19/97

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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By Direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Granting of Request for Early Termination of The Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section

7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION BETWEEN 12-22-97 AND 12-31-97

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LucasVarity plc, Varga Participacoes Ltda., Freios Varga, S.A	98-0687	12/22/97
John T. Kim Trust of December 31, 1987, Amkor Technology, Inc., Amkor Technology, Inc	98-0720	12/22/97
David D. Kim Trust of December 31, 1987, Amkor Technology, Inc., Amkor Technology, Inc	98-0721	12/22/97
Susan Y. Kim Trust of December 31, 1987, Amkor Technology, Inc., Amkor Technology, Inc	98-0722	12/22/97
US Airways Group, Inc., Citicorp, Shuttle, Inc. (d/b/a USAir Shuttle, Inc. or US Airways)	98-0757	12/22/97
Republic Industries, Inc., John H. Dobbs, Jr., Springhill Toyota, Inc., et. al	98-0758	12/22/97
Republic Industries, Inc., James K. Dobbs, III, Hoover Toyota, Inc., et. al	98-0759	12/22/97
Republic Industries, Inc., Dobbs Brothers Buick-Pontiac, Inc., Dobbs Brothers Buick-Pontiac, Inc	98-0760	12/22/97
United HealthCare Corporation, Medicode (Delaware), Inc., Medicode, Inc	98-0788	12/22/97
Dasault Systemes SA, Deneb Robotics, Inc., Deneb Robotics, Inc	98-0799	12/22/97
Resource Bancshares Mortgage Group, Inc., Resource Bancshares Corporation, Resource Bancshares Corporation	98-0813	12/22/97
Freedom Communications, Inc., Scholastic Corporation, Scholastic Inc	98-0877	12/22/97
William J. Curtis, Scholastic Corporation, Scholastic Inc	98-0878	12/22/97
Green Equity Investors II, LP, Hollinger, Inc. (a Canadian company), Hollinger International Inc	98-0880	12/22/97
Citizen Utilities Company, The Voting Trust D&E Communications, Inc., D&E Communications, Inc	98-0891	12/22/97
Ford Motor Company, Aldersgate Capital Limited (an English company), AT&T Automotive Services, Inc	98-0895	12/22/97
Citation Corporation, Dycast, Inc., Dycast, Inc	98-0896	12/22/97
RLC Industries Co., RLC Industries Co., R-H Timber Co., LLC	98-0935	12/22/97
John C. Hampton, RLC Industries Co., R-H Timber Co., LLC	98-0936	12/22/97
Foamex International Inc., Hicks, Muse, Tate and Furst Equity Fund II, L.P., Crain Holdings Corp	98-0605	12/23/97
TRW Inc., BDM International Inc., BDM International Inc	98-0710	12/23/97
The AES Corporation, Edison International, Southern California Edison Company	98-0804	12/23/97
NGC Corporation, Edison International, Southern California Edison Company	98-0809	12/23/97
Northern States Power Company, Edison International, Southern California Edison Company	98-0810	12/23/97
Huston Industries, Incorporated, Edison International, Southern California Edison Company	98-0811	12/23/97
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center System, McKeesport Area Health Care Systems, McKeesport Area Health Care Systems	98-0892	12/23/97
Nokia Corporation, Ipsilon Networks, Inc., Ipsilon Networks, Inc	98-0952	12/23/97
Worcester City Campus Corporation, Memorial Health Care, Inc., Memorial Health Care, Inc	98-0726	12/24/97
Orbital Sciences Corporation, Ashtech Inc., Ashtech Inc	98-0819	12/24/97

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ACME Television Holdings, LLC, Koplar Communications, Inc., Koplar Communications, Inc	98-0821	12/24/97
Queensway Financial Holdings Limited, Davinder S. Sahni, Paradigm Insurance Company	98-0833	12/24/97
Stichting Administratiekantoor ABN AMRO Holding, Bankers Leasing Association, Inc., Bankers Leasing Association, Inc	98-0865	12/24/97
Fortune Brands, Inc., Michael G. Crisp, Crisp Publications, Inc	98-0868	12/24/97
Heilig-Meyers Company, Reliable Stores, Inc., Reliable Stores, Inc	98-0881	12/24/97
Lennar Corporation, North American Asset Development Corporation, North American Asset Development Corporation	98-0887	12/24/97
Ronald O. Perelman, Thomas Dan Friedkin and Debra L. Friedkin, Gulf States Acceptance Company, LP	98-0888	12/24/97
Bahrain International Bank, Thompson Paper Box Co., Inc., Thompson Paper Box Co., Inc	98-0893	12/24/97
Investec Holdings Limited, Ernst & Company, Ernst & Company	98-0894	12/24/97
Illinois Tool Works, Inc., Reddi-Pac, Inc., Reddi-Pac, Inc	98-0897	12/24/97
United States Filter Corporation, Estate of Ronald E. Janke, Castalloy Corporation and Unified Investments, LLP	98-0920	12/24/97
Genesis Direct, L.P., Lawrence A. Joseph, Select Service & Supply Co., Inc	98-0929	12/24/97
Mr. Roger J. Sippl, Borland International, Inc., Borland International, Inc	98-0931	12/24/97
CUC International Inc., Apollo Investment Fund III, L.P., NRT Incorporated	98-0938	12/24/97
Praxair, Inc., Richard K. Dillard, Whitmore Oxygen Company & Whitmore Chemical Company	98-0939	12/24/97
Thermo Electron Corporation, Edison International, Southern California Edison Company	98-0940	12/24/97
Ashland Inc., Frederick M. Franklin, L.F. Franklin and Sons, Inc.; Valley Asphalt Products	98-0953	12/24/97
CHS Electronics, Inc., Gilbert Dreyfus and Julia Dreyfus, Micro Informatica Corporation	98-0954	12/24/97
Precision Castparts Corp., Schlosser Forge Company, Schlosser Casting Company	98-0955	12/24/97
Country Mutual Insurance Company, Middlesex Mutual Assurance Company, Middlesex Mutual Assurance Company	98-0960	12/24/97
Affiliated Computer Services, Inc., William Blair Capital Partners V, LP, CARA Holdings, Inc	98-0961	12/24/97
DLJ Merchant Banking Partners II, L.P., Mark D. Bawden, The Bawden Corporation	98-0962	12/24/97
N.V. Koninklijke Nederlandsche Petroleum Maatschappij, Newco-Joint Venture, Newco-Joint Venture	98-0964	12/24/97
DLJ Merchant Banking Partners II, L.P., Joyce Bawden, The Rawden Corporation	98-0965	12/24/97
Emerson Electronic Co., Lee A. Henningsen, Firetrol, Inc	98-0967	12/24/97
Bayerische Vereinsbank AG, Bayerische Hypotheken-und Wechsel-Bank AG, Bayerische Hypotheken-und Wechsel-Bank AG	98-0969	12/24/97
Snyder Communication, Inc., R.A.B. Advertising, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan, Blau Marketing Technologies, Inc	98-0970	12/24/97
Melco, Inc., Michael A. Frost, TechWorks, Inc	98-0971	12/24/97
PRI Automation, Inc., Equipe Technologies, Inc., Equipe Technologies, Inc	98-0972	12/24/97
Retlaw Enterprises, Inc., John D. Pezold, Augusta Family Broadcasting Inc.; Columbus Family	98-0974	12/24/97
Warren A. Hood, Jr., Simpro Holding Corporation, Ltd., Simpro Films Corporation	98-0977	12/24/97
AlliedSignal Inc., Jeffrey J. Steiner, The Fairchild Corporation	98-0979	12/24/97
Kingsway Financial Services, Inc., UCC Corporation, UCC Corporation	98-0980	12/24/97
Frederick W. Smith, FDX Corporation, FDX Corporation	98-0981	12/24/97
Ladbroke Group PLC, Colorado Gaming & Entertainment Co., Colorado Gaming & Entertainment Co	98-0982	12/24/97
Colony Investors II, L.P., Virgin Entertainment Group Limited, Virgin Entertainment Group Limited	98-0991	12/24/97
PPG Industries, Inc., Chrysler Corporation, Chrysler Corporation	98-0992	12/24/97
GP Batteries International Limited, The Gillette Company, Duracell, Inc	98-0994	12/24/97
United States Surgical Corporation, Pfizer Inc., Valleylab, Inc.; Vesta Medical, Inc	98-0995	12/24/97
MBW Investors LLC, The Procter & Gamble Company, Procter & Gamble Company (Duncan Hines Business)	98-0999	12/24/97
Andrew A. Wiederhorn, R.J. Brandes, Belgravia Financial Services, LLC	98-1004	12/24/97
John H. Sykes, Michael M. Gray, McQueen International Limited (a Scottish corporation)	98-1005	12/24/97
Michael M. Gray (a Scottish national), John H. Sykes, Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated	98-1006	12/24/97
Madison Dearborn Capital Partners II, LP, National Wholesale Liquidators of 34th Street, Inc., National Wholesale Liquidators of 34th Street, Inc	98-1010	12/24/97
Applied Graphics Technologies, Inc., Flying Color Graphics, Inc., Flying Color Graphics, Inc	98-1011	12/24/97
Philips Electronics N.V., Credit Lyonnais S.A. (a French corporation), Alpha Library Company, Inc.; Beta Library Co., Inc	98-1014	12/24/97
Northern States Power Company, Mid-Continent Power Company, Inc. (debtor-in-possession), Mid-Continent Power Company, Inc. (debtor-in-possession)	98-1020	12/24/97
Liz Claiborne, Inc., Donna Karan International Inc., Donna Karan Studio; The Donna Karan Company	98-1021	12/24/97
ACC Corp., US WATS, Inc., US WATS, Inc	98-0731	12/26/97
General Electric Company, Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc., Stewart & Stevenson Limited Partnership	98-0148	12/29/97
Donald L. Sturm, SpectraNet International, SpectraNet International	98-0997	12/29/97
Enron Corp., SpectraNet International, SpectraNet International	98-1001	12/29/97
ITT Industries, Inc., Charles H. Kaman, Kaman Sciences Corporation	98-0672	12/30/97
General Electric Company, Industrial Risk Insurers, Industrial Risk Insurers	98-1026	12/30/97
Destriz Gestao e Servicos Sociedade Unipessoal, Mr. Michael Christopherson, GP Companies, Inc	98-0822	12/31/97
Allen E. Paulson, Mr. John C. Waterfall, Elsinore Corporation	98-0835	12/31/97
American International Group, Inc., Newco-Joint Venture, Newco-Joint Venture	98-0951	12/31/97
Jeffrey J. Steiner, AlliedSignal Inc., AlliedSignal Inc	98-0973	12/31/97
Becton, Dickinson and Company, MedPlus, Inc., MedPlus, Inc	98-1015	12/31/97
Enron Corp., Catalytica, Inc., Catalytica Combustion Systems, Inc	98-1019	12/31/97
StorMedia Incorporated, Kubota Corporation (a Japanese corporation), Akashic Memories Corporation	98-1027	12/31/97
Freudenberg & Co. (a German Corporation), Arthur P. Frigo, M. B. Walton, Inc	98-1028	12/31/97

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UNYS, Inc., Upstate Holding Company, Inc., Upstate Holding Company, Inc	98-1031	12/31/97
Central Grocers Cooperative, Inc., Strack and Van Til Super Market, Inc., Strack and Van Til Super Market, Inc	98-1034	12/31/97
Sanford N. Pensler, Gordon S. Lang, CCL Custom Manufacturing Corp	98-1035	12/31/97
WinStar Communications, Inc., Telesoft Corp., Telesoft Acquisition Corp. II	98-1036	12/31/97
The General Electric Company, p.l.c., Marsh Company, Marsh Company	98-1037	12/31/97
General Electric Company, R.G. Darby, R.G. Darby Company, Inc. and Total Trim, Inc	98-1039	12/31/97
Aurora Equity Partners LP, Sal Cannizzaro, Innovative Lithographers, Inc	98-1041	12/31/97
Patriot American Hospitality Operating Company, CHC International, Inc., CHC International, Inc	98-1043	12/31/97
Ekco Group, Inc., FCP Southeast Investors IV, LP, APP Holding Corporation	98-1051	12/31/97
Mail-Well, Inc., James E. Sowell, Poser Business Forms, Inc	98-1053	12/31/97
Linsalata Capital Partners Fund II, LP, Craig Manchen, Highland Group Industries, LP	98-1056	12/31/97

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 942-3278]

Howard S. Berg; Analysis to Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.
ACTION: Proposed Consent Agreement.

SUMMARY: The consent agreement in this matter settles alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices or unfair methods of competition. The attached Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes both the allegations in the draft complaint that accompanies the consent agreement and the terms of the consent order—embodied in the consent agreement—that would settle these allegations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 6th St. and Pa. Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: C. Steven Baker or Russell W. Damtoft, Federal Trade Commission, Chicago Regional Office, 55 East Monroe St., Suite 1860, Chicago, IL. 60603. (312) 353-8156.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C.

46 and Section 2.34 of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 2.34), notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of sixty (60) days. The following Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes the terms of the consent agreement, and the allegations in the complaint. An electronic copy of the full text of the consent agreement package can be obtained from the FTC Home Page (for January 13, 1998), on the World Wide Web, at "http://www.ftc.gov/os/actions/htm." A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room H-130, Sixth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-3627. Public comment is invited. Such comments or views will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with Section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii)).

Analysis of Proposed Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission has accepted an agreement, subject to final approval, to a proposed consent order from respondent Howard S. Berg.

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for sixty (60) days for reception of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After sixty (60) days, the Commission will again review the agreement and the comments received and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement and take other appropriate action or make final the agreement's proposed order.

This matter concerns an efficacy claim made regarding Howard Berg's

Mega Reading promoted by respondent. The Commission's complaint charges that respondent, in concert with Tru-Vantage International, L.L.C. and Kevin Trudeau, made a false and unsubstantiated claim that Howard Berg's Mega Reading is successful in teaching anyone, including adults, children and disabled individuals, to significantly increase their reading speed while substantially comprehending and retaining the material.

The proposed consent order contains provisions designed to remedy the violations charged and to prevent this respondent from engaging in similar acts and practices in the future. The proposed order extends to any product or program purported to significantly increase one's reading speed.

Part I of the proposed consent order prohibits the respondent from representing that Howard Berg's Mega Reading, or any substantially similar product, is successful in teaching anyone, including adults, children and disabled individuals, to increase their reading speed above 800 words per minute while substantially comprehending and retaining the material. Part II of the proposed order prohibits the respondent from representing the performance, benefits, or efficacy of any product or program purported to significantly increase one's reading speed, unless the representation is substantiated.

The remaining parts of the proposed consent order require the respondent to maintain promotional and substantiation materials related to the claims covered by the order, to notify the Commission of any changes in his employment, and to file one or more compliance reports.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed consent order. It is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement and